

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (currently amended) A method for operating a video processing apparatus,
2 comprising the steps of:
3 receiving by said video processing apparatus an electronic message remotely,
4 said electronic message comprising information relating to time and channel data of a
5 selected event;

6 processing said electronic message in said video processing apparatus to
7 determine said time and channel of the selected event; and
8 forwarding by said video processing apparatus another electronic message if
9 there is a conflict between said time and channel data and a preexisting timer event.

1 2. (currently amended) A method for operating a video processing apparatus,
2 comprising the steps of:
3 receiving a message directly from a user in email format including sender,
4 subject and control information, wherein the subject comprises an operating command
5 for operating said video processing apparatus;

6 processing, in said video processing apparatus, said message to determine said
7 control information; and

8 operating said video processing apparatus in response to said operating
9 command and said control information.

1 3. (currently amended) The method of Claim 2 wherein said control information
2 is disposed in a message portion of an email and comprises at least a password,
3 channel data and time data.

1 4. (original) The method of Claim 3 further comprising the step of evaluating said
2 password for user verification and wherein said step of operating comprises turning on
3 said video processing apparatus at the desired time and selecting a program in
4 response to said time and channel data.

1 5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 2 wherein said operating command
2 is control information further comprises a recording command and said step of
3 operating comprises controlling a video recording device, interconnected thereto, to
4 record a program associated with said time and channel data.

1 6. (original) The method of Claim 5 wherein said step of controlling comprises
2 programming an event timer, associated with said video recording device, using said
3 time and channel data.

1 7. (original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said control information comprises
2 program data.

1 8. (original) The method of Claim 7 further comprising passing said program data
2 to the electronic program guide to determine the time and channel information
3 associated with said program data, said program data corresponding to a program
4 listed in said electronic program guide.

1 9. (new) The method of Claim 1 wherein said received electronic message
2 includes a password for user verification by the video processing apparatus.